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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Look up a healthcare provider license" in the "How Do I?" section of the Department of Health website (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In September 2013 the Dental Commission conditionally granted a dental assistant credential to **Christina Villarreal** (D160402279), who was convicted of four gross misdemeanors between 2008 and 2012.

Chelan County

In October 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program ended probation for certified nursing assistant **Alicia Lee Walters-Russ** (NC60138610).

Clark County

In October 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program denied a registered nursing assistant credential to **Jeffery Bryon Koupel** (NA60382597), who was convicted of four felonies and four gross misdemeanors between 2000 and 2010.

In October 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Amber Marie Mahley** (NA60338439) with unprofessional conduct. Mahley allegedly admitted taking controlled substances from a patient. In 2013 she was convicted of third-degree theft and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

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Cowlitz County

In October 2013 the Psychology Board charged psychologist **Karen Ann Pauly** (PY00002823) with unprofessional conduct. For more than a year, Pauly allegedly had a sexual relationship with a patient. The patient allegedly gave Pauly \$15,000 and access to his debit card so Pauly could withdraw more money. Charges say the patient gave Pauly money for personal items, spending cash, and to avoid foreclosure on her home, which wasn't in foreclosure. Pauly allegedly bought prepaid cell phones for the patient so she could communicate with him without his wife finding out. She allegedly supplied the patient with alcohol and consumed alcohol with him even though she knew or should have known it wasn't in his best interest.

Grays Harbor County

In October 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Deanna Lynn Harder** (NA60199824, NC60207972) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say she didn't comply with a 2013 stipulation.

In October 2013 the Surgical Technologist Program ended conditions on the surgical technologist credential of **Roxanne J. Broten** (ST00001712).

King County

In October 2013 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Betsy Rocio Mosquera** (DE00009746) with unprofessional conduct. Mosquera allegedly placed a dental implant that was too large.

In October 2013 the Physical Therapy Board entered an agreement with physical therapist **Bruce G. Clayton** (PT00002391) and placed his credential on probation for at least two years. Clayton must pay a \$5,000 fine and take continuing education in documentation and ethics. Clayton was found to have billed the Department of Labor and Industries for patient treatments he didn't adequately document.

In October 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Valerie Taina Lelea** (NA60258126) with unprofessional conduct. Lelea allegedly used various tactics to take money from a vulnerable adult. The Department of Social and Health Services found she financially exploited a vulnerable adult. Lelea is not allowed to be employed in a job that allows unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults.

In October 2013 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Hongli Ju** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Ju, who holds no massage practitioner credential, allegedly provided a full body massage.

Lewis County

In October 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Susan Renea Troit**, also known as Susie R. Towne (NA60324887, NC10075645),that reactivates her certified nursing assistant credential. Troit must re-enroll and participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. Troit also falsely

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answered questions about her disciplinary history when applying for new and reactivated credentials.

Lincoln County

In October 2013 the Physical Therapy Board charged physical therapist assistant **Benji Ricco Fazio** (P160234074) with unprofessional conduct. Fazio allegedly didn't comply with a 2013 stipulation that he participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. He allegedly failed and missed drug tests, missed check-ins and admitted to relapsing on alcohol.

Pierce County

In October 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program conditionally granted a registered nursing assistant credential to **Jesse Ray Serles** (NA60410989) and ordered him to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2008 he was convicted of reckless driving. In 2013 he received deferred prosecution after being charged with driving while intoxicated.

In October 2013 the Nursing Commission filed a corrected statement of charges against registered nurse **Melinda Sayers** (RN60209905) to accurately identify her husband as the person mentioned in the charges.

In October 2013 the Nursing Commission filed an amended statement of charges against registered nurse **Lisa Anne Daily** (RN00110540) to add that she was charged in 2013 with manufacturing a controlled substance, unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, and unlawful use of a building for drug purposes.

In October 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Sonda Jeanne Swanberg** (NA60269879) with unprofessional conduct. Swanberg allegedly didn't comply with a 2012 stipulation.

Skagit County

In October 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Claudia Aracely Hernandez**, also known as Claudia A. Hernandez Blas (NC60219359), with unprofessional conduct. In 2012 she was convicted of third-degree assault.

Snohomish County

In October 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Margaret G. Dawson** (RN00089901) with unprofessional conduct. Dawson allegedly dispensed more medication than she documented administering or wasting on two occasions.

In October 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Chentelle Nicole McBride** (NC60059199) with unprofessional conduct. McBride allegedly stole about

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\$100 from a patient at an assisted living facility where she worked. Charges say a hidden video camera captured the theft. In 2013 McBride pleaded guilty to third-degree theft.

Spokane County

In October 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Kevin Jacob Kelley** (NA60277024) with unprofessional conduct. While caring for a developmentally disabled adult, Kelley allegedly consumed a large amount of alcohol and, according to witnesses, was visibly intoxicated. Charges say he drove under the influence of alcohol with the patient as a passenger. Kelley's employer fired him, and stated in the termination letter that Kelly admitted to taking the patient to bars.

Yakima County

In October 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program conditionally granted a certified nursing assistant credential to **Sairaf Esmeralda Farias** (NC60400010), who was convicted of third-degree theft in 2012.

Out of State

Hawaii: In October 2013 the Naturopathy Board charged naturopathic physician **Peter M. Dodge** (NT00001189) with unprofessional conduct. Dodge allegedly issued medical marijuana authorizations to 511 patients in Washington while he was in Hawaii after providing inadequate patient examinations conducted over an Internet video service. His patient examinations allegedly don't meet the standard of care. Charges also say Dodge practiced under the direction of an unlicensed clinic owner, which aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of medicine.

Idaho: In October 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Melissa Anne Chartrey** (RN60132399) with unprofessional conduct. Chartrey allegedly didn't document a patient assessment or the patient's condition change, and didn't follow-up with another nurse to ensure the patient's care was documented or carried out as instructed.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

The <u>Department of Health website</u> (www.doh.wa.gov) is your source for *a healthy dose of information*. Also, find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.